

Country Club Manor

June, 2017 Newsletter

Edited by Donald Bakewell

WE ARE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Please welcome Mann Companies as the proud new owners of Country Club Manor. Rest assured, these guys know what they are doing and will take great care of you all moving forward. We were very happy to hear their plan to keep the existing staff in place so in a sense, not much will change at all. You'll be making your rent checks out to a slightly different company name and that's about it. Mann Companies will be bringing some great features in to the building as well. Please give them a warm welcome and show them just how awesome of a community we are here at Country Club Manor!



CCM GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Some of us here at CCM took part in the Moving Day® Twin Cities event to help find a cure for Parkinson's Disease. The big event took place on May 6th and with the help of Kathy E, Cal W, Richard S, and Bev J to name a few here at CCM, we helped raise over \$300,000 to fund better research and better treatment for Parkinson's Disease. It was a great feeling and a wonderful day for the 3,000+ folks who attended and contributed! Way to go CCM!

FROM MARGIE'S DESK

Dear Residents,

As a close community we have experienced great sadness the last several months with the loss of so many dear friends. We are saddened by the loss of another dear friend Marlene Woog. Marlene & Harley moved into CCM 28 years ago on Sept 1st of 1989! She has made so many friends and was such a sweet lady. We will all miss her dearly. Our condolences go out to all her family and friends. Times like these always remind me how precious each day is and of my own need to treat it as if it were my last. I hope you all have the opportunity to tell your loved ones how much they mean to you.

I would also like to address the letter of new ownership. Many of you have been here a very long time and you have personally witnessed many transitional periods. I have met with the new owners a number of times already and have great confidence in them! They have agreed to keep all of the staff in place and to keep things the way they are. They have a motto "if it is not broken, there is no need to fix it". The Bakewell Family has owned this property for over 15 years and they were all very involved in making sure that you as residents were well taken care of. I wish the Bakewell Family the best in their new endeavors and hope we can all stay in touch. I know this transition will bring many questions and I will answer them all to the best of my ability. As we get older, any changes can be hard but life is all about change! Personally, I have always tried to approach it with a positive attitude. We are all on a journey through life and I am going to do my best to embrace it and make the most of it every single day! It is my sincere hope that you all continue to make CCM your home for many years to come and again, if you have any questions or concerns, please stop by the office as I'm happy to discuss them with you.

In other news, I hope you are all able to make it down to the garage sale on the 10th & 11th. We also have some new neighbors so please welcome them if you see them in the halls or at some of our activities. I hope you all have a safe and happy month! Hopefully the weather will be sunny and warm! I think we have all had enough rain for a good long while! ~ Margie

WELCOME YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Zina & Derek Forsell - #216

JoAnn "Zina" Forsell was born in Lithuania about the start of WW11 and she migrated to Germany with her family about 1943 or 1944, then coming to the United States in 1949. Don't ask about the move to Germany, It was some wild promise by Hitler while Russia was knocking on Lithuania's door. Derek (goes by Duke) was born during the same time period on a livestock farm in Northern Minnesota. It's said he'd have been two inches taller today if his Dad hadn't thrown him on a horse before he was three. Married in 1961, they now have two daughters, five grandchildren, and two great grand children. Jo-Zina worked steadily all her life as a Construction Company secretary, supplementing her Lifetime and main job of taking care of Derek. Derek, of course, took the easy route by becoming a Marketing Manager for in Insurance Company. After training, the Company gave him a Company car and a credit car and said "Go out, and find us some Business"! He thinks they regretted that decision.



The move was stressful as usual, but we've enjoyed our first two weeks here, and sure expect it to continue!

Zina & Duke



WELCOME YOUR OTHER NEW NEIGHBOR

Helen Hunt - #235

Hi Everyone!

I'm Helen Hunt and I'm so excited to be a part of the CCM community! I have spent many of my years in the Mendota Heights / WSP area however the last 28 years, I have been living up in Detroit Lakes. The time has come where I have decided it'd be best to move back to the area I love so much. I have 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 6 great grand children with another grand child on the way. Most of family live right here in the St. Paul. I enjoy the gardening, playing cards, traveling, and visiting with friends. This move will be a big change for me but I'm very much looking forward to spending more time with family, connecting with old friends, and making some new ones. Looking forward to meeting you all and hope to see you soon!
Helen :)



JUNE 14TH IS FLAG DAY



NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"

Hi all and a big warm welcome to June!!

First, we send our sympathy out to the family & friends of Marlene Woog, who passed away on May 20th. She was our longest resident & will surely be missed by so many.

Our "Garage Sale" is on Friday & Saturday the 9th & 10th from 8am to 6pm. Thanks to all who've signed up to sell and we hope the rest of you bring your friends & family to come shopping!!

This is always such a fun event. (Please pray for nice weather)

We had a nice turnout at our monthly "Birthday/Anniversary Potluck", the food was delicious & a good time was had by all who attended. The Potluck for this month will be on Monday,

June 26th at 5:30pm in the Club Room. Don't forget "Movie Night" on Fridays at 7pm in the Club Room. Popcorn will be served. For more information on our activities please watch for signs posted in the lobbies, elevators, & around the buildings.

I've posted new weekly and monthly activity sheets. Please look them over and maybe you'll find some things you would like to participate in. Please note that there are new Bridge days & times & we will no longer be hosting monthly casino trips due to lack of interest. Thanks to all of you who help with set-up, clean-up, decorating, and many other things around the buildings! We sure do appreciate it!!

If you have any questions or concerns please call us at [612-270-4655](tel:612-270-4655) or stop by Apt. #107 in the 1945 building. That's all for now! Have a wonderful month everybody! Take care.



Kathy & Kevin E.



BIRTHDAYS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

From all of us at CCM, we'd like to extend a warm and fuzzy HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following people this month. If you see them in the hallway or around the grounds, please say Happy Birthday to them for us! :)

NAME	BLDG	APT	DATE
Diane McLoyd	45	312	2
Linda Johnson	55	323	2
Sharon Garcia	55	223	3
Juan Reyes	45	203	4
Mary Ellen Dow	55	221	5
Barb Illsley	55	321	8
Marilyn Plorin	45	212	10
JoAnn Forsell	45	216	10
Mary Daniels Sandlin	45	115	11
Gwen Williams	55	229	14
David Cheyne	55	328	14
Sandra Tonia	45	301	19
Mary Foster	45	109	19
Beverly Adams	45	211	23
Joan Kelley	55	227	23
Gail Elizabeth	55	331	25
Joe Lineweaver	55	336	28
Audrey Verbout	55	224	29
Pamela Johnston	45	305	30



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Storage bins are not allowed on balconies.
- No glass in pool or patio area EVER.
- If you park outside please be sure your bumper is not over the grass for mowing purposes.
- Please do not drop off bags of books and puzzles by bookshelves.
- Please check with the office before making any donations to CCM.
- Please clean your garage storage and make sure everything is off the floor we will be scheduling the garage sweeping this month.
- Please refer to your copy of the House Rules for acceptable storage in the garage.
- The Annual BBQ will be held on July 7th this year so save the date! Sign-up sheets will be posted the end of June.
- Please refer to the calendar for activity dates/times we have made some adjustments.
- The City will be shutting the water off on June 23rd from 11:30-1 pm for testing.



Henry Carbone & Paul Rohowetz catching some walleye on Long Lake

DONALD BAKEWELL'S COLUMN

First and foremost, I just want to say that it has been a great honor to have gotten to work in the building while meeting so many of you over the last several months! This building really is more of a family than an apartment complex as everyone is always so friendly and so caring! I'm really going to miss the long conversations I've had with so many of you while passing in the hallways or hanging out down by the community computers. I always joked that takes me way longer than it should to walk from here to there in this building simply because of all the great conversations I'd have with so many of you along the way. Some of you may have been caught off guard by this big news so I'd like to take a brief moment to explain how we arrived at the decision to sell. Please consider that prior to our dad (Lee) passing away in mid September, 2016, my brothers and I were well in to our own individual careers. We were already dealing with a great deal of responsibility in our own lives and unfortunately, just didn't have the ability to put in the time and commitment a building like CCM deserves to continue to make this place an incredible community. I hope you can all understand where we were coming from with the decision to sell and I also really hope we can keep in touch moving forward. If ANY of you would like to hear more on this or would simply like to touch base down the line, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. I can always be reached via email at donaldbakewell@gmail.com or on my cell at 612-644-4676.

Take care everybody and I hope to see you again soon!

Donald Bakewell

THE FUNNY BONE

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where the hell he is.

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

THE FUNNY BONE (CONTINUED)

We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story anyway and I'm sticking to it.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, I've found it best to start with a very small country.

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them. Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing...

My wife said "Watcha doing today?", I said "Nothing". She said "You did that yesterday!". I said, "I know, I'm not finished yet!"

First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper and it gets worse when you forget to pull it down.

The IRS decides to audit Grandpa, and summons him to the IRS office. The auditor was not surprised when Grandpa showed up with his attorney. The auditor said, "Well, sir, you have an extravagant lifestyle and no full-time employment, Which you explain by saying that you win money gambling. I'm not sure the IRS finds that believable." "I'm a great gambler, and I can prove it," says Grandpa. "How about a demonstration?" The auditor thinks for a moment and said, "Okay. Go ahead." Grandpa says, "I'll bet you a thousand dollars that I can bite my own eye." The auditor thinks a moment and says, "It's a bet." Grandpa removes his glass eye and bites it. The auditor's jaw drops. Grandpa says, "Now, I'll bet you two thousand dollars that I can bite my other eye." Now the auditor can tell Grandpa isn't blind, so he takes the bet. Grandpa removes his dentures and bites his good eye. The stunned auditor now realizes he has wagered and lost three grand, with Grandpa's attorney as a witness. He starts to get nervous. "Want to go double or nothing?" Grandpa asks. "I'll bet you six thousand dollars that I can stand on one side of your desk, and pee into that wastebasket on the other side, and never get a drop anywhere in between." The auditor, twice burned, is cautious now, but he looks carefully and decides there's no way this old

THE FUNNY BONE (CONTINUED)

guy could possibly manage that stunt, so he agrees again. Grandpa stands beside the desk and unzips his pants, but although he strains mightily, he can't make the stream reach the wastebasket on the other side, so he ends up urinating all over the auditor's desk. The auditor leaps with joy, realizing that he has just turned a major loss into a huge win. But Grandpa's own attorney moans and puts his head in his hands. "Are you okay?" the auditor asks. "Not really," says the attorney. "This morning, when Grandpa told me he'd been summoned for an audit, he bet me twenty-five thousand dollars that he could come in here and pee all over your desk and that you'd be happy about it!"

A young guy and an old guy are pushing their shopping carts through Walmart when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "I'm sorry about that, I'm just looking for wife and wasn't watching where I was going." The young guy says "That's an amazing coincidence! I'm looking for my wife too!" The old guy says "Well what does she look like, maybe I can help you find her." Young guy says, "She's 27 years old, tall with blonde hairs, blue eyes, is buxom and she's not wearing a bra with very short shorts on. What does your wife look like?" The old guy says, "Doesn't matter, let's look for your wife!"



"We do not quit playing because we grow old, we grow old because we quit playing."

Have a great month everybody!

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